

Head Start has been a vital program to our children since the day it was created in 1965 as part of the Great Society. President Lyndon Johnson created the program with the goal of combining education, health, and nutrition programs for low-income children. In its history, over 22 million children have been served by Head Start, including over 900,000 in this year alone.

Head Start provides an excellent foundation for the children who enroll in the program. About 95 percent of the students in Head Start are under five years old, and they are all at or below the poverty line. Without Head Start, a great number of these children would be in substandard preschools, if they were even lucky enough to be enrolled in anything. Head Start gives these kids the years of education they need in order to succeed in future years of schooling.

H.R. 1429 would reauthorize the Head Start program, while at the same time offering improvements that have been necessary but neglected for a number of years.

First, it will improve teacher and classroom quality. H.R. 1429 does this by first increasing teacher salaries in order to attract more and better teachers. Other provisions would require Head Start to use research-based methods to improve literacy and vocabulary. The bill would also provide improved training and technical assistance so teachers will be more educated in science and technology.

The only problem I have today is the Republican discriminatory Motion to Recommit. The Republican leadership wants to institute federally funded discrimination into our Head Start program. They have tried this again and again, and although I support Head Start as much as anybody in this Chamber, I would vehemently oppose this reauthorization if the Motion to Recommit passes. I urge all of my colleagues to oppose the discriminatory Motion to Recommit when it comes to the floor.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support reauthorizing the Head Start program with the Democratic improvements.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many schools strive to excel.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Rockdale Board of Education, and the Superintendent Dr. Samuel King,—the principals, teachers, staff and students in Georgia's Rockdale County school system have met and exceeded national standards.

The Rockdale County Board of Education members have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph from building a system that serves all in the county.

Our beloved children and community will benefit from the seeds that the Board of Education and Administration have planted to insure that Rockdale will always be prosperous and productive.

This unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to providing the

best that they have to preserve integrity, scholarship, leadership, and service for all of Rockdale County.

I was pleased to set aside April 21, 2007 to honor and recognize the Rockdale County Board of Education for their outstanding service to our District.

TRIBUTE TO ZINGERMAN'S DELICATESSEN ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Zingerman's Delicatessen, in Ann Arbor Michigan. This year Zingerman's is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Zingerman's was founded in 1982 in Ann Arbor, Michigan by Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzwieg. It is now known internationally and renowned as one of America's best delicatessens. Along with the University of Michigan, Zingerman's is also one of Ann Arbor's best known and popular tourist attractions.

From its original store in 1982, Zingerman's has grown and now operates 8 separate gourmet food businesses throughout Michigan, employing 545 individuals and serving as an example to other businesses by providing its employees with excellent compensation, benefits and vacation time.

Along with their commitment to an equitable work environment, co-founders Paul and Ari also have a lasting commitment to providing their customers with cuisine of the utmost quality. This quality has been recognized frequently, as Zingerman's has been the recipient of numerous culinary awards, including, most recently, the Food Network's 2007 "Delectable Delivery of the Year" award. The New York Times also covered Zingerman's anniversary with an article in its May 2, 2007 edition.

Zingerman's is an Ann Arbor original and it is commonly acknowledged that there are few, if any, better places in the world at which to get a nosh. With all that it has done in the last 25 years, I ask that you join me in recognizing the anniversary of Zingerman's Delicatessen; the honors and accomplishments of co-founders Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzwieg; and their contributions to the City of Ann Arbor, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN SNYDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Snyder for his recent induction into the National Teacher's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Snyder is the first teacher from Nevada ever to be inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame and is one of five educators to be inducted in the Class of 2007. His teaching career began in the early 1980's as an English teacher at Hyde Park Junior High School. At the time, computers were just beginning to

proliferate into academic establishments and Mr. Snyder became impassioned to start a computer club at Hyde Park. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Snyder became a full-time computer programming teacher, a position he has held for nearly 25 years. Mr. Snyder has taught computer courses at Chaparral and Cimarron Memorial High School. In 1994, he moved to the Advanced Technologies Academy and for over a decade, Mr. Snyder has been greatly enriching the lives of those students attending A-Tech, a nontraditional high school that allows students the opportunity to focus on technical careers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor John Snyder. His enthusiasm, commitment and personal attention have greatly enhanced the educational experience of countless students. I congratulate him for this well deserved honor, thank him for his dedication and commitment and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

OBSERVING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABOLITION OF THE BRITISH SLAVE TRADE

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this resolution that commends the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, which marks the beginning of the end of the deportation of slavery. This tremendous moment in time carries with it historical significance in African American history and culture.

As many of my colleagues know, many of our ancestors were brought here in the grips of iron chains on slave ships. They were subjected to tremendous inhumane treatment. Many died and the ones that did survive were left to try and survive in a new and unforgiving world. Over the course of 4 centuries 11 to 12 million African men, women, and children were brought to the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America against their will. The transatlantic slave trade enabled the kidnapping, purchase, and commercial export of Africans, mostly from West and Central Africa between the 15th and late 19th century.

Despite this ignoble beginning, the people of Africa created a noble culture that encompasses the African spirit of survival through adversity. Nevertheless, with all the horrors and inhumanity, the transatlantic slave trade was critical to the formation of the new world. We can now celebrate the trials, tribulations, accomplishments, and contributions of our ancestors. They certainly created and attained so much in history.

Madam Speaker, I would like to share with you the words of Frederick Douglass, one of the most famous African American abolitionists, slave, editor, orator, author, statesman and reformer. He stated:

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blow, or